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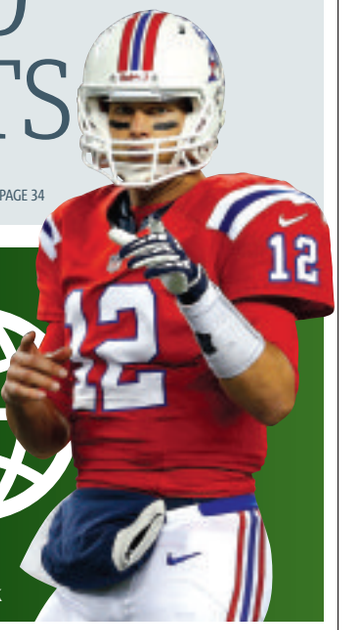

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Dennis McKeon, founder of Staten Island support group Where to Turn

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Mourners of 9/11 band together 12 years later

Painful memories. The city gathered at the 9/11 Memorial plaza to honor the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Survivors and victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks came together to pay tribute to the fallen on Wednesday morning at the 9/11 Memorial plaza in Lower Manhattan. It was the 12th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center, but for some of the people there, the day represented not only a day of reflection but also a chance to gather with others in support.

Denise Matuza's husband Walter was one of the 278 Staten Islanders who was killed that day. He worked at Carr Futures on the 92nd floor of One World Trade Center.

Matuza, 46, comes to the memorial service every year with her three sons and a group of people she met through St. Clare's, a church in Staten Island.

The group, started by parishioner Dennis McKeon, 56, is called Where to Turn.

"The first thing people told me after 9/11 was they didn't know where to turn," McKeon explained. "So we gave them a place to turn."

"He said he was going to be there forever and he really has," Matuza added.

Matuza said a lot of people don't understand why she keeps coming back: "People say, 'You're crazy; you're still going down there? Don't you want to get past this?'"

But there's an unparalleled comfort in being around other people who have experienced the same trauma, she said.

"We do feel each other's pain, and no one understands the pain we go through on a daily basis," Matuza said. "We all met through [Where to Turn] and coming down here takes away the pain more. Coming down here makes you feel better."

Matuza said she remembers acutely the moment her husband called and told her a plane had hit the building, and that he'd be home soon. She wasn't worried because he'd been there at the time of the 1993 bombing. That day he had called her from the ferry terminal to tell her he was on his way home — so she didn't doubt the same would happen in 2001.

A few days after the attacks, she discovered an email he had sent her.

"He said they can't get out of the building, all the doors were blocked," she recalled. "They're waiting for the fire department to come — he'll be home."

Mourners gathered at the National September 11 Memorial plaza on Wednesday. / GETTY IMAGES

Day of mourning

- Family members, survivors and city officials, including Mayor Michael Bloomberg and NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly observed a city-wide moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. on Wednesday.
- A second pause happened at 9:03 a.m. to mark when United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower.
- The annual reading of the names of victims concluded at about 12:30 p.m.

Coming home

"I swore he would get home. I think about that to this day."

Matuza

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Health. Officials warn of 9/11 responder and survivor deadline

Just a few weeks after the 12th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a major deadline will pass for many 9/11 survivors and first responders.

Oct. 3 is the last day to register for the Victim Compensation Fund, elected officials warned.

The VCF is part of the Zadroga Act, the federal legislation that took over a decade to get passed in Congress. The VCF offers health benefits and financial compensation to injured and sick 9/11 survivors and first responders.

Officials urged New Yorkers to help friends and families make the call and register.

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Wounded soldiers

Vets ride Jet Skis from Key West to NYC

Members of the military rode Jet Skis 1,600 miles from Key West to New York City, arriving on Sept. 11.

The Never Quit Challenge, organized to benefit charities, included participants who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Streets of New York

CUNY students heckle David Petraeus

Some CUNY students are not happy former CIA director David Petraeus is teaching at their school.

A mob of those students made their feelings clear when they followed Petraeus shouting at him.

A video titled "CUNY Students Confront War Criminal David Petraeus" shows the incident.

Petraeus / GETTY IMAGES

There were chants of "Petraeus out of CUNY." At one point, Petraeus jaywalks in an attempt to evade his pursuers.

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Voters queue to cast their ballots in the mayoral primary election on Sept. 10 in Manhattan. / GETTY IMAGES

Voters in limbo as vote count inches forward

Waiting game. The Board of Elections is sorting the ballots to decide if there will be runoff.

New York voters — and two candidates — must wait in limbo while the city's Board of Elections determines if a runoff is necessary to name the Democratic nominee for mayor.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Public Advocate Bill de Blasio has 40.33 percent of the vote — just over the 40 percent cutoff to avoid a runoff election in October with former City Comptroller Bill Thompson, at 26.23 percent.

But those results don't include more than 16,000 Democratic paper ballots the Board of Elections will begin counting Monday, in addition to an unknown number of affidavits, a spokeswoman said.

Thompson said he would go to court Wednesday to order supervision of the counting process.

"It's an obligation to the voters, to the process, to make sure every vote is counted, every vote is heard in this and that someone does get to 40 percent," Thompson said.

At an Election Night party in Brooklyn, de Blasio thanked supporters and declared a "victory," but did not specifically discuss the potential of a runoff, referring only to "the next round of this campaign."

Many voters were expecting a runoff Tuesday, but Dick Dadey, executive director of the Citizens Union, worried the long wait to count the paper ballots — seven to 10 days by his estimation — would be detrimental.

The short time between when a runoff is determined necessary and the actual election, set for Oct. 1, also mean less opportunities for campaigning, said Neal Rosenstein, government reform coordinator at the New York Public Interest Research Group.

"There's a lot of twists to this, and of course that's going to dampen the outreach to voters," Rosenstein said.

Thompson rebuked the suggestion that holding out before all votes are tallied would harm the Democratic Party.

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By the numbers

$13M

The runoff for mayor and public advocate will cost $13 million.

In the Bronx

Boyfriend arrested after woman is shot in their home

A man was arrested for allegedly shooting his girlfriend in their Bronx home early Wednesday morning.

Cleopatra Lovelace, 30, was found with a gunshot wound to the back of the head in her apartment in Norwood at 12:35 a.m. Emergency personnel declared her dead.

Her boyfriend, Frederick White, who shared the apartment, was taken into custody, police said.

White, 42, was charged with murder and criminal possession of a weapon Wednesday afternoon.

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Stay classy

Weiner flips off reporter

Anthony Weiner delivered a passionate speech Tuesday in which he declared he would never stop fighting for the middle class.

But he ended the night on a different note: flipping off a reporter.

Weiner reportedly flipped the bird on his way home.

Reporters who witnessed the incident took to Twitter shortly after it happened, and NY1's Lindsey Christ tweeted a photo of the video that caught the act. **LAURA SHIN**

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New Yorkers solemnly memorialize 9/11

The 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks was observed in New York City yesterday with a solemn memorial service at the National September 11 Memorial plaza in lower Manhattan, where the tradition of reading the names of those who perished continued this year. / METRO

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Chinatown caper

Off-duty cop nabs armed jewelry robber

An off-duty NYPD detective happened to be in the right place at the right time and caught a robber in the act at a Chinatown jewelry store Tuesday afternoon, police said.

Detective Patrick Lee observed a commotion that was taking place outside of Canal Diamonds International around 4:20 p.m.

After hearing a bystander yell "robbery, robbery" in Cantonese, Lee entered the jewelry store and saw an armed man that was holding the stolen jewelry.

After identifying himself as an NYPD police detective, Lee was able to take Eduardo Olmedo, 25, into custody without any further incident.

Eighteen gold chains and a 40-caliber Glock were recovered from Olmedo by the police.

Cops took him in and charged him with robbery and criminal possession of a weapon.

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Cathie Black was let go after only months as school chancellor. / GETTY IMAGES

Cathie Black reflects on tenure as chancellor

Dark recollections. The ex-chancellor recalls her tempestuous months leading the city's education system.

At a panel discussion for female career development on Tuesday, Cathie Black spoke about her brief stint as chancellor of NYC Schools.

The storied magazine executive joked that she was chancellor "for a nanosecond" at an event for New York Women in Communications. Black was in the position for 96 days before Mayor Bloomberg asked her to leave her post. She was derided for her lack of experience and insensitive comments, one in which she said that the key to fixing overpopulated schools was "birth control."

She recounted her shock when Mayor Bloomberg asked her to consider the position, saying "I don't want an educator, I want a business executive."

Black hesitated before taking the position, she said, based on her wealthy background and private-school educated children.

Mayor Bloomberg fired Black, but in a kind manner, she said.

And Black remains pleased with her decision, even though the outcome wasn't pretty.

"You have to be bold and you have to have the guts to do it," she said.

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No sunshine

Cathie Black was only the NYC school chancellor for 96 days before Mayor Bloomberg fired her.

- Black said a desire to "make a difference for the children of New York City" was what made her take the job.
- "It was such hard work, and I never saw any sunshine around the corner. After months I said, 'You know, I don't think this is gonna get better.'"

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Syrian forces were responsible for Banias massacres: UN report

Report. The U.N. carried out 258 interviews with refugees, defectors and others.

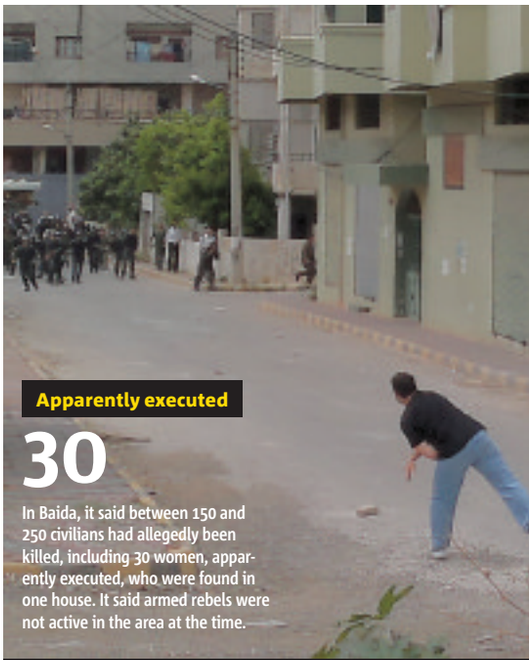
U.N. rights investigators have established that Syrian government forces were almost certainly responsible for two massacres last May in which up to 450 civilians were killed, a report published yesterday said.

The report documents nine mass killings in all, attributing all but one to government forces, but said both government and rebel fighters had committed war crimes including murder, hostage-taking and shelling of civilians.

With more than 100,000 dead in the Syrian war, there was little sign that reports of atrocities would spur international action until last month, when allegations that President Bashar al-Assad's forces had gassed hundreds of civilians sparked a threat of U.S. strikes, and furious international diplomacy.

The killings in Baida and Ras al-Nabaa, two pockets of rebel sympathizers surrounded by villages loyal to Assad on the outskirts of the town of Banias, did not involve fighting with rebels and appeared designed to send a message of deterrence.

"Testimonies were consistent that members of the National Defence Forces were actively involved in the raids and in many cases leading them," the 42-page report said. REUTERS



Apparently executed

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In Baida, it said between 150 and 250 civilians had allegedly been killed, including 30 women, apparently executed, who were found in one house. It said armed rebels were not active in the area at the time.

A man throws stones at riot police during clashes in the Mediterranean coastal town of Banias. / GETTY IMAGES

Big program

Chemical weapons took decades to build, will take years to destroy

If Saddam Hussein's Iraq is anything to go by, destroying Syria's massive chemical weapons arsenal will mean checking dozens of far-flung sites in a war zone while the government employs delaying tactics to hide the banned munitions, an expert involved in past U.N. disarmament missions said.

Bashar al-Assad's chemical weapons network comprises remote underground bunkers where hundreds of tons of nerve agents are stored, scud missiles and artillery shells, possibly armed with cyanide, and factories deep inside hostile territory used to produce mustard or VX gas, experts believe.

"It's big. He has one of the biggest chemical weapons programs in the region and even in the world," said Dieter Rothbacher, a former U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq who trained members of the team that just returned from Syria.

"There are calculations that to secure them up to 75,000 ground troops are needed," he said in a Reuters interview. "It took us three years to destroy that stuff under U.N. supervision in Iraq."

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Somber ceremonies mark 12th anniversary of 9/11

Acts. Website 911memorial.org is encouraging classroom discussions and service projects.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell speaks at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pa., yesterday during ceremonies commemorating the 12th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. / GETTY IMAGES

Americans marked the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with solemn ceremonies and pledges not to forget the nearly 3,000 killed when hijacked jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field, in 2001.

In New York City, residents repeated the ritual of reading the names of the 2,983 people who died that day.

In Washington, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden marked the first moment of silence on the South Lawn of the White House, as a bell tolled.

"Friends of mine who lost friends in a different context long ago have a simple saying: 'Every day is extra,'" said Secretary of State John Kerry, who served in the Vietnam War.

At the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania, the National Park Service held a memorial service yesterday starting at 9:45 a.m. that included a reading of the names of the Flight 93 passengers and crew, a ringing of bells, a wreath-laying and brief remarks.

A number of cities held ceremonies, including 21-gun salutes, moments of silence and memorial services to remember those who lost their lives. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"I've always thought it was a beautiful expression, and I try to hold on to it on bright September mornings like today. It's a way of saying that we honor those we've lost by continuing their work, serving our country and helping others." Kerry

Information

Obamacare data system gets security OK

The data system supporting President Barack Obama's health-care reform law has been tested and certified as secure for millions of Americans who will seek health coverage beginning on Oct. 1, meeting a critical deadline for launching the program.

Concerns over whether consumer information would be secure in time were raised last month, when a government report said it could take until Sept. 30 to sign off on the system's data protections, leaving little room for error before Obamacare is due to go live. **REUTERS**

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'Wild geese with skyline'

Andrew Domokos, Category: Sight

Putin foe. Navalny to challenge Moscow election defeat in court

Russian President Vladimir Putin's most prominent opponent, Alexei Navalny, said yesterday he would file hundreds of legal challenges to Moscow mayoral election results he says were rigged to give a Kremlin ally victory.

Sergei Sobyanin, who was appointed mayor by the Kremlin in 2010 but called an early election to increase his legitimacy, won the vote on Sunday with 51.3 percent — enough to avoid a second-round runoff against Navalny, who had 27.3 percent.

Navalny, an anti-corruption blogger who helped lead street protests against Putin in the past two years, has refused to accept the results and has cited election observers whose count put Sobyanin below the 50 percent threshold. **REUTERS**

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Baghdad. Bombings at Shi'ite mosque kill at least 33 people

A coordinated car and suicide bomb attack on a Shi'ite mosque in the Iraqi capital killed at least 33 people yesterday evening, police and medical sources said.

Worshippers were leaving the mosque after evening prayers when the car bomb exploded — and as onlookers rushed to help the wounded, a suicide bomber blew himself up in their midst.

Policemen saw a second man fumbling to detonate an explosive belt and managed to stop him, but an angry mob overcame them and stabbed the would-be-suicide bomber to death.

A further 55 people were wounded, some critically, in the blasts, which took place in the northwestern Kasra district of Baghdad.

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Re-election money

Florida governor calls off alligator hunt fundraiser

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has called off a "private" alligator hunting trip he was holding on Oct. 18 to raise funds for his 2014 re-election campaign.

Golfing weekends, concerts and deep-sea fishing fundraisers are common in Florida politics, but a gator hunt was still such an anomaly that it made major news among bloggers and on political websites. REUTERS

Obama pays tribute to 9/11 victims, mentions Benghazi

Quoted
"We pray for all those who've stepped forward in those years of war, diplomats who serve in dangerous posts, as we saw this day last year in Benghazi."
Obama

President Barack Obama listens to military taps after laying a wreath during a ceremony yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Day later. Obama gave a nationally televised address to a war-weary nation Tuesday night.

President Barack Obama observed a moment of silence and laid a wreath yesterday to remember the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, events that still weigh heavily over the United States and over his tenure as commander in chief.

"Let us have the strength to face the threats that endure, different though they may be from 12 years ago, so that as long as there are those who would strike our citizens, we will stand vigilant and defend our nation," the president said after laying a wreath at the Sept. 11 memorial at the Pentagon.

"Let us have the wisdom to know that, while force is at times necessary, force alone cannot build the world we seek," he said.

Before going to the Pentagon, the president observed a moment of silence on the South Lawn of the White House. With first lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Jill Biden by his side, he stood still for a moment at 8:46 a.m., the moment the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

At the Pentagon, the president acknowledged the decade of conflict that has followed Sept. 11.

He also paid tribute to the four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador, who were killed in an Islamist militant attack on a U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, last Sept. 11.

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Shares tank as new iPhones fail to dazzle

Product payoff. iPhones account for half or more of Apple's profit.

The new iPhone 5S is displayed during an Apple product announcement at the Apple campus. / GETTY IMAGES

Apple Inc.'s shares slid 6 percent yesterday as a pricier-than-expected iPhone "5C" extinguished hopes of a major expansion into lower-end markets such as China, while a fingerprint scanner-equipped premium version fell short on hardware advancements.

The 5C and costlier 5S, introduced to much fanfare on Tuesday, won fans among some Wall Street analysts, who said preserving a premium price can safeguard Apple's already declining margins.

Others said the world's most valuable technology company, under siege in Asia and other emerging markets from Samsung Electronics and China's Huawei, was missing an opportunity to reverse slipping market share and drive significant sales growth.

The 5C's price appeared too lofty to fend off rivals in emerging markets.

It will sell for $730 in China, more than the average monthly urban income for the country and about $200 more than its price in the United States. REUTERS

Quote

"Investors were put off that Apple's price point didn't go low enough to attract a new market. It doesn't have the same range in price that Apple's competitors have."

Mark Luschini
Chief investment strategist at Janney Montgomery Scott, which manages about $58 billion in assets

Like

Facebook shares break $45 for first time since 2012 IPO

Shares of Facebook Inc. rose more than 3 percent to a new high yesterday, valuing the world's No. 1 social network at $106 billion, as investors focused on its recent mobile advertising advances ahead of a speech by its chief executive.

The stock touched $45 at 1:50 p.m. and briefly hit $45.07 just after 2 p.m. yesterday on the Nasdaq — highs not seen since May 18, 2012, the day of Facebook's initial public offering. It closed at $45.04.

JMP Securities analyst Ronald Josey said investors expect Mark Zuckerberg to discuss future video ad products as well as plans to make money from its Instagram unit.

The mobile photo app, acquired in 2012 by Facebook, is popular with young people but does not carry any advertising. REUTERS

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MBAs: Earn while you learn?

Part- or full-time?
While there is a financial and professional case for it, working while studying for an MBA can pose challenges.

ESADE MBA candidate James Doherty, far right, is seen here with his Origin team. / PROVIDED

Full-time MBAs are called that for a reason — if you sign up for one, you're going to have to wholly dedicate yourself to business education for 12-24 months.

However, this doesn't mean that some enterprising students don't work while they study. One such example is ESADE MBA candidate James Doherty, co-founder of Origin, a startup which lowers costs for small businesses in India by aggregating costs.

The main challenge, he says, is ensuring neither work nor school is neglected: "A potential drawback is losing focus. Am I going to devote time to making sure the business runs smoothly or spend that time making sure I pass classes?"

For those who want to continue working while they study for an MBA, a more plausible option might be to consider a part-time format designed for those who want to continue working — a partially online program in which modules can be taken at the candidate's own pace, or for the more experienced candidate, an executive MBA (EMBA).

Alejandro Casasempere is enrolled on the latter format at IESE Business School. He warns that, even though the EMBA is part-time, time management is still a major challenge: "It is difficult to give 100 percent of your attention to a management position and an EMBA simultaneously. Both require your undivided attention."

However, these time-management challenges are edifying in themselves, says Pamela Brady, who heads up the EMBA program at the University of Texas at Dallas' Naveen Jindal School of Management. "One of the unexpected outcomes of working while pursuing an MBA is the refinement of your time management skills, which is transferable to all facets of your life."

Double duty

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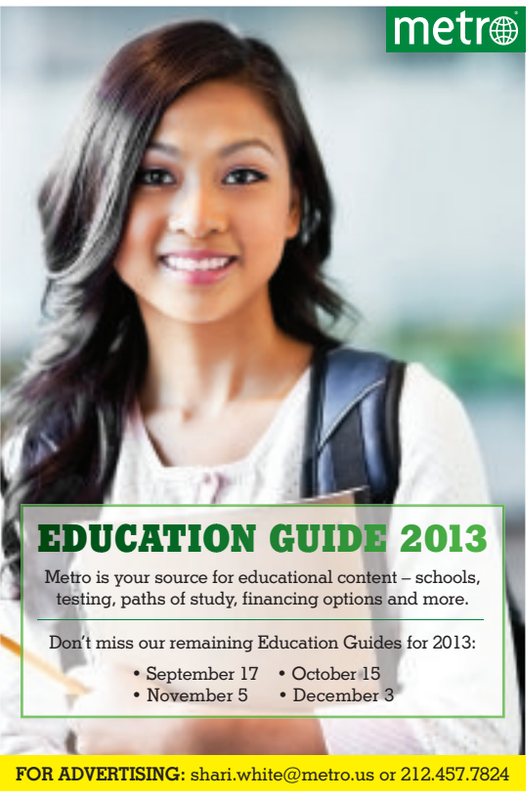
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How to prepare for the GMAT

A good score can make all the difference, so make sure you give yourself as good a chance as possible.

1 **Don't leave it until the last minute.** Sounds obvious, but don't put off prepping until close to the test; if you know you've got to sit it, might as well as start now so you don't get any unpleasant surprises. The experts recommend six months.

2 **Identify your weakness.** You might find some parts of the GMAT come naturally, while others will pose more of a challenge; work out which the latter are and focus on those – it'll be good prep for your MBA, too.

3 **Do some practice runs.** This will help with No. 2 and allow you to get to grips with the format of the GMAT, and how you can best manage your time during the test proper.

4 **Don't go it alone.** Utilize available preparation materials as well as the free resources offered by GMAC, there are numerous paid-for resources available to help test-takers prepare. It's worth making a small investment in order to get a better idea of what awaits you and how to prepare for it.

5 **Don't change your normal routine close to the test.** Inevitably, preparing for a major exam is going to affect your routine, but try and keep it normal as far as you can. You don't need anything else to worry about, after all.

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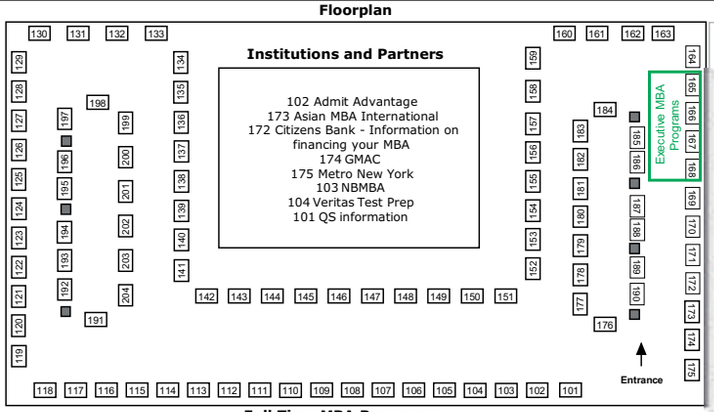

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We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Paris Hilton is living for today, Rosie O'Donnell is looking for car advice, Jeffrey Ross is trying to keep things straight and Steve Martin is preparing for the inevitable.

@ParisHilton: The only life is the one we have now. Which is why we must see it and live!

@Rosie: does anyone have the fiat 500L ? how do u like it?

@realjeffreyross: How many kids does Ron Paul have besides Rand Paul and Ru Paul?

@SteveMartinToGo: I would like to apologize for a tweet I will probably do next month.

1 What is Gwyneth Paltrow hiding?

Gwyneth Paltrow is fighting back against Graydon Carter and Vanity Fair. The A-lister is telling her friends and acquaintances not to talk with the magazine regarding an exposé about her that is in the works. "Vanity Fair is threatening to put me on the cover of their magazine," Paltrow wrote in a mass email to friends and associates, according to the New York Times. "If you are asked for quotes or comments, please decline. Also, I recommend you all never do this magazine again."

What is she hiding? Is it something about her marriage to Chris Martin? That the fastidiously all-organic actress sometimes likes to dig in to a bag of Funyons? That she secretly thinks Mario Batali's Crocs are stupid? What is it?! What has Gwyneth so scared?

Email or tweet me to let me know — I'll reprint the best in tomorrow's column.

Thwaites and Swift got close. / STEFANIE KEENAN

2 Who is Taylor Swift's new disposable man-piece?

Taylor Swift may have found a new man in Australian actor Brenton Thwaites. The pair met at a private party at the Toronto International Film Festival earlier this week and spent some time getting to know each other, according to People magazine. Swift and Thwaites nestled into a booth at the Soho House for an hour chatting and "making each other laugh," a source says. "[Thwaites] had his arm around her back. She touched his leg a few times. They seemed very into each other."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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3 A Krasinski Jr. is in the works

It will be at least several of the following: Tall, pretty, funny, British, floppy-haired and shiny-haired. It's possible that John Krasinski and Emily Blunt are about to have the best baby ever.

Former "Office" star Krasinski and Blunt, his wife of three years, confirmed to Us Weekly today that they're expecting their first child.

"They both want kids; it's one of the reasons they got a bigger place in a neighborhood that you can raise a family [in]," a source said. "They both couldn't be more excited."

I just hope they start training it early to make a rueful grimace to the camera. You never know where that kind of skill might lead. ***Metro/MT***

John Krasinski and Emily Blunt are having a baby. / WIREIMAGE

FILMMAGIC

Harper Beckham schools all the models at NYFW

Harper Beckham knocked Suri Cruise off her most-fashionable-Hollywood-spawn throne with this ensemble of a pink dress, toddler-sized Doc Martens and an awesome top-knot. David and his little girl were snapped hanging around SoHo on Tuesday — even hitting up a local playground.

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Seen on the scene. Celebs out and about this week

1 Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, right, and his brother **Prince Harry** took part in a trade on the BGC Partners trading floor during the BGC Charity Day 2013 in London on Wednesday. The charity event turned the royals into temporary stock traders in memory of victims of the 9/11 attacks.

2 Jelena Ristic, **Novak Djokovic** and **Naomi Campbell** attended the Novak Djokovic Foundation New York dinner at Capitale on Tuesday in New York.

3 Miley Cyrus can't stop and she won't stop. She was spotted leaving a hotel in London yesterday.

4 Joseph Gordon-Levitt and **Scarlett Johannson** yucked it up at the Grey Goose vodka party for "Don Jon" on Tuesday as part of the Toronto Film Festival.

5 Gene Simmons was one of several celebrities who visited SiriusXM Studios in New York yesterday.

6 Rihanna was the "only girl in the world" these fans cared about as she left her hotel in London yesterday.

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Vampire Weekend are, from left, Ezra Koenig, Rostam Batmanglij, Chris Baio and Chris Tomson. They play the Barclays Center in Brooklyn on Sept. 20. They're now playing the biggest venues of their career. When asked how he feels about this, Batmanglij says he likes that he can stroll freely around the city unrecognized, but still get so many people to go see his band. "I think we have carved out a little space that's our own, and I think we're pretty happy about that," he says. "I think it's a pretty good place to be. Who knows what will happen in the future, but I like that we've never felt like we weren't being ourselves." / ALEX JOHN BECK

Vampire Weekend: The gloves are off, the wisdom teeth are out

Modern Vampires of the City. As the band prepares to go on the road for another set of dates, main men Ezra Koenig and Rostam Batmanglij are right where they belong.

Vampire Weekend lyrics have always read a bit like witty TripAdvisor entries. Location is an essential part of the experience, whether it be "Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa" of their self-titled debut or "California English" of 2010's "Contra." The band's latest release, "Modern Vampires of the City," throws in more geographical references than the first two albums combined. Anchorage, Oakland, Dar es Salaam, Providence, Phoenix and Santa Barbara all get lip service. Though that may give the impression that the album is literally all over the map, the titular "City" they reference most is New York, and the collection of songs is possibly their most cohesive effort to date.

"On the first album, all of the Cape Cod places that I name-checked were places that I actually had been, albeit somewhat briefly," says singer Ezra Koenig.

He is sitting in a cafe down the street from his apartment on the Lower East Side. For a guy who sings with a band whose last two albums went to No. 1, he is comfortably anonymous in his neighborhood. Only one passerby seems to slip into an "I know that guy from somewhere" expression.

"On the song, 'Step' on this album, there is a lot of name-checking," Koenig continues, "and I've never been to someplace like Dar es Salaam, but part of that song is about somebody who in the beginning is talking about how they were going to all of these different places, but really back at home is where they really have to figure things out."

Batmanglij and Koenig are pictured here performing during Vampire Weekend's headlining slot last week at the Boston Calling festival. / BOSTON GLOBE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"What you hear in some ways sounds happy and familiar, but on another level it's sad and brooding." Rostam Batmanglij

It seems like Koenig spent a lot of time at home figuring things out. The theme of mortality is persistent throughout "Modern Vampires," with a lot of breath spent on uncertainty about what may be next.

A few sample lyrics: "Does it bother you?/The low click of a ticking clock/There's a headstone right in front of you" (from "Don't Lie"); "Looked up, full of fear, trapped beneath the chandelier that's going down" (from "Everlasting Arms").

Koenig says reflecting like this is almost a rite of passage for a band between albums two and three. And the reflecting isn't just about what's after this life, but more immediately, what's after this album.

"Whether you're in college or in your early 20s doing whatever, there's a sense that it's an eternal springtime. And that's also true for a band that's making their first album. So we had that threefold: a bunch

Quoted

"Unless you're a total craven careerist, you're going to pause a little bit and be like, 'OK, so we're doing this for a third time. We're now five or six years older than when we started. Is this just a job? Are we just banging out products of varying degrees of quality, based on an initial template?'" Ezra Koenig

of young cats, fresh out of college, suddenly people have interest in our band," he says, reminiscing about Vampire Weekend's beginnings. "Then when you do something a second time it's still exciting, and you're building and you start to get to the third time, and unless you're a total craven careerist, you're going to pause a little bit and be like, 'OK, so we're doing this for a third time. We're now five or six years older than when we started. Is this just a job? Are we just banging out products of varying degrees of quality, based on an initial template? Or are we trying to do something different?'"

He and songwriting cohort Rostam Batmanglij spent the better part of a year making sure they were trying to do something different, writing and recording at Batmanglij's DUMBO apartment. Batmanglij had produced the first two VW albums, but late in the process the group decided to bring in an outside source, Ariel Rechtshaid, who had produced hits like "Hey There Delilah" for Plain White T's and "Climax" for Usher.

"We can just focus on recordings and we can have Ariel listen to stuff and he'll say, 'OK, this song is almost totally done, but how about changing this one thing?'" says Batmanglij, sitting in the kitchen of the apartment where he and Koenig spent so many late-night sessions tracking these songs. It was helpful to be able to let go of some of the technical aspects of what being the sole producer entails.

"It wasn't so much relinquishing; it was more sharing the role of producer. It made sense on this record. … It was nice to have someone else who could really focus on production and who had a fresh take on things."

The songs rely less on the African beats and chord structures that characterized VW's first two efforts and instead integrate other outside sources. Batmanglij talks about beats that remind him of A Tribe Called Quest and melodies that remind him of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. Some of Koenig's phrasing is informed by hip-hop, but Batmanglij's relentless experimentation removes it from that context.

In the song, "Step" — the aforementioned one with all of those geographical references — the singer borrows some rhymes from a forgotten '90s hip-hop act and combines it with proud boasts like, "The gloves are off, the wisdom teeth are out," as Batmanglij uses an unlikely harpsichord sound.

"At one point, I was like, 'What if all of the organ chords were minor chords, but they fit into this descending scheme?' What you hear in some ways sounds happy and familiar, but on another level it's sad and brooding," he says. "I remember at one point in that song getting a very distinct feeling of a place in Manhattan called Riverside Park. … In the middle of working on the song, it was like I was standing there. I felt like we were onto something good because I had such a distinct feeling."

Koenig says he knew they were onto something good when fans started arguing online about their favorite Vampire Weekend album, and the new one was a part of that discussion.

"Sometimes everybody likes the first album the best, a handful of people like the second album the best and nobody likes the third album the best," he says. "I just want there to exist people in the universe who could [like this album best] because that makes me feel like we're still earning their trust."

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On the playlist

What exactly do Modern Vampires listen to?

Throughout two hour-long discussions with VW's chief songwriters, music obviously comes up a lot. The references Koenig and Batmanglij throw around are often surprising. The title of the new album comes from the song "One Blood" by reggae artist Junior Reid. Here is a sampling of a few of the other artists the pair discussed.

The Clash were a band Koenig idolized. / EBET ROBERTS, REDFERNS

"Kanye is probably the greatest artist of our generation, and he's always talking about how he doesn't give a f—, but he's also always talking about how he does give a f—. It's two sides of the same coin. I would love to eventually get to a place where I could be so relaxed and be like, 'As long as we think it's good, nothing in the world matters.' But that's not exactly what this whole world of music that we participate in is about." **KOENIG**

KANYE WEST
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"Ezra was kind of inspired by some things, one of them being this song 'Step to My Girl' by Souls of Mischief, which you should

check out. ... They were a West Coast rap group. I think they made that song when they were 15. It's kind of like a lost song." **BATMANGLIJ**

"If you grew up obsessing about pop music and idolizing people like The Clash or Radiohead or Prince, who were able to have long careers in which they changed a lot, part of that is because in addition to following their own visions, they were also able to create things that mattered to people. I think that it's really cool that The Clash came out and made this early punk album that had all this energy and got people talking, and then six or seven years later they made this dancey hip-hop song about the Middle East that was like a huge hit." **KOENIG**

"The Walkmen should be bigger; they are a great band. But I think there's a lot of people that feel the way we do." **BATMANGLIJ**

"I went on a drive last week and I was listening to the A$AP Ferg album. I thought there were some really great songs on it; I liked his vibe and I think it's a well-crafted album. And then I saw it debuted in the top 10 and it's his first album, and I was like, 'Well, that seems about right.' That's cool that people are excited about that." **KOENIG**

Batmanglij's thoughts

"The apples are bigger, but they don't taste quite as much like apples"

Batmanglij says he tries to buy his food at farmers markets. / GETTY IMAGES

Ever wonder why those huge red apples look so juicy and yummy but have no flavor? Vampire Weekend's Rostam Batmanglij has given it some thought.

"In America, you notice that the apples are bigger, but they don't taste quite as much like apples. They have less of that inherent apple quality, whereas in Europe, the apples are smaller, but they do taste better," he tells Metro.

"One thing from traveling that I've thought about is genetically modified foods. It's interesting for me to be in a place — like France for example — where they don't allow anything genetically modified, things like apples, ... apricots or peaches or nectarines," he muses.

For him, there seems no question on choosing non-GMOs and buying local: "I grew up in a city, but my parents have always tried to support local farmers, and we've always gone to the farmers market every Sunday in D.C. I still go back there. The experience of buying food from farmers and it not always looking picture-perfect, but it tasting more real, that experience is something I think about a lot. I don't know what will happen in the future. I can imagine things turning towards more organic food. But, I also think some of the damage is irreparable. ... I do worry about that."

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A genetically modified Vampire? No thanks

Special cause. Vampire Weekend think Americans have the right to know what is in their food. Thankfully, the Just Label It group are on the case.

This ain't the same type of apple your grandparents ate. / FUSE

Focaccia, whole-wheat, whatever: The bread you eat isn't the same bread your grandparents ate. Unless it's organically grown, wheat is genetically engineered for high yield and high profit. And, guess what, today's wheat is higher in gluten.

We're all chomping down GE ingredients, also known as GMOs — genetically modified organisms — without knowing, because, in America, labeling isn't required. The food industry at large claims changing labels will push up food prices.

Not so, says the Just Label It campaign, which is lobbying Washington, D.C., to introduce required labeling of all GMO foods. Just Label It held a press conference yesterday for food marketing expert Kai Robertson's new report, "Why Label Changes Don't Affect Food Prices."

"Sixty-four countries believe consumers have the right to know, including China, Russia and Saudi Arabia," said Scott Faber, executive director of Just Label It. "But in the land of the free, we do not have the same right. This report shows there is no evidence that label changes influence the cost of production."

Ben and Jerry's co-founder Jerry Greenfield said his company supports required labeling.

"Consumers have a fundamental right to know," he said. "As a food company, we regularly make changes to packaging, anything from a 15 to 25 percent redo to a full redesign. It's a normal part of a business and the effect on price is negligible. The cost of milk affects our price, not adding five words to the packaging."

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PREVIEW

'2013 CBS Fall Preview'

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REALITY

'High School Moms'

This is a naked attempt to rip-off "Teen Mom" — but these kids won't even get the cache of being on MTV. If you can't wait a whole week for your teen mommy fix, though, this should do it. **7 P.M., DFH**

COMPETITION

'Project Runway'

Tonight, the remaining designers are challenged to create looks for "modern Southern women." That sounds like an oxymoron to us — and we may be biased — but have y'all BEEN to the deep south? **9 P.M., LIFE**

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Top 10 films for your weekend

Movies. Here's what's playing at the cinema this weekend.

Patrick Wilson returns as a haunted dad in "Insidious: Chapter 2." / MATT KENNEDY

See this

1 'Insidious: Chapter 2'

It's only been three months since director James Wan and Patrick Wilson scared the bejesus out of people with "The Conjuring," so here's another. Enjoy it, as Wan is now stuck on the "Fast & Furious" franchise.

2 'The Family' Eurotrash auteur Luc Besson ("The Fifth Element," "Taken") sucks Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer and Tommy Lee Jones (plus executive producer Martin Scorsese) into his insane orbit for this comic actioner about an ex-mafia boss (De Niro) under witness relocation who comes under attack.

3 'Mother of George' This unspeakably gorgeous-looking drama takes viewers into the world of Nigerian immigrants in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, where a woman ("The Walking Dead"'s Danai Gurira) has trouble getting impregnated by her new husband (Isaach De Bankole).

4 'Wadjda' The first film ever made entirely in Saudi Arabia (and by a woman, no less), Haifaa al-Mansour's feature debut considers an 11-year-old trying to defy tradition by getting herself a fancy bike.

5 'Jayne Mansfield's Car' The first movie Billy Bob Thornton has directed since 2001's "Daddy and Them" is this well-regarded ensemble drama about a family gathering in the 1960s, including Robert Duvall, Kevin Bacon, John Hurt and Thornton himself.

6 'Blue Caprice' Isaiah Washington gives a brilliant performance as John Allen Muhammad, the ringleader in the 2002 Beltway sniper attacks, who coaxes a young orphan (Tequan Richmond) into embarking on a reign of terror.

7 'GMO OMG' Potentially (but potentially not!) cancerous genetically modified organisms come under the radar of this activist/doomsday doc, which posits there are more everyday items we should be deathly worried about.

8 'Herb & Dorothy 50 x 50' The 2008 documentary — about the Vogels, an everyday couple who amassed an unprecedented collection of modern art in their tiny New York apartment — gets a follow-up. Herb, unfortunately, passed away last year.

9 'Riddick' Did you know Vin Diesel's "Pitch Black' character's full name is Richard B. Riddick? Anyway, he's back, even though no one saw "Chronicles of Riddick." Maybe it's because Diesel's big again — or back in the "Fast & Furious" films he once abandoned.

10 'Salinger' Noted recluse J.D. Salinger finally gets a splashy, albeit not entirely fawning, life-spanning documentary, which promises some well-kept shock revelations. (Spoiler: There are more Salinger manuscripts en route now that he's no longer alive to thwart their publication.)

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40 Days of Dating: Where they are now — and their future plans

Online. The authors of the viral blog dish on if they've found their way back to each other.

Walsh and Goodman found themselves falling for each other, going to couples therapy, taking a vacation, fighting, making up and ultimately breaking up during the course of their experiment, which they documented on www.fortydaysofdating.com. / OSVALDO PONTON

Longtime NYC friends Jessica Walsh, 26, and Timothy Goodman, 32, decided to take a leap and participate in what they call an "experiment:" Date each other exclusively for 40 days and document the experience online. That now-viral blog, 40 Days of Dating, came to a close on April 28 with the friends-turned-lovers releasing the final installment of their blog on Sept. 6. They revealed they chose to go their separate ways, but remain friends — much to the chagrin of the romantics in the world.

What was it like to see this project come to a close online?
Walsh: I have mixed feelings about it. The project happened over four months ago, and as we posted the daily entries day by day, it felt in some strange way that I had to relive that chapter of my life again with the public weighing in. It felt a little surreal. While I am so glad that the project reached so many people and seemed to touch so many people, it is also nice to close that chapter and focus on the present.

Goodman: It was difficult, yet cathartic, to relive the whole experience for the second time — particularly with an audience watching.

Jessica, what was your reaction when you read Tim's account of those last couple days — especially when you read that he was in love with you?
Walsh: I was shocked. It was very strange to hear months after the experiment was over that he was in love with me; I had no idea he felt that way.

Did you have different expectations for how the project would end?
Walsh: No. I truly had no idea what would happen at the end of the experiment. We certainly had no idea the blog would go viral, or that there would be so much interest from Hollywood. While exciting, it's been overwhelming. We are evaluating options, but the most important thing to us is maintaining the integrity and honesty of what we originally created with the blog. We have no interest in just taking a paycheck. Much has happened since the 40 days between Tim and me, and we have numerous fans demanding to hear an account of what has happened. We are likely going to work on a book version of the blog that will elaborate on the 40 days, and detail what took place after.
Goodman: I think we probably did, but I can't speak for Jessica. I wanted to use the parameters of the experiment to gain insight into my habits and fears. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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Next up?

The lady moves on

"We remained friends," Walsh replied when we asked if she got back together with Goodman after the end of the 40 days. "I am in a relationship with an amazing guy named Zak. I am very, very happy."

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DAY 6

9:25 a.m. Tory Burch

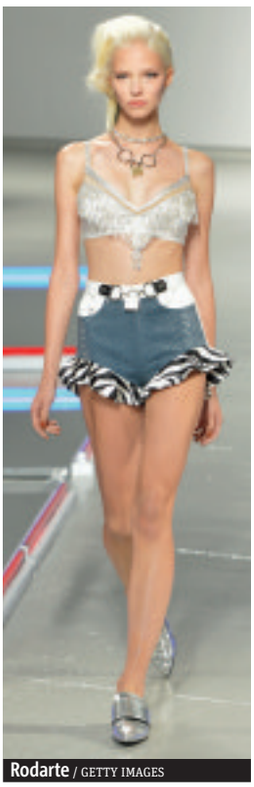
Inspired by the sexy 1960s drama "La Piscine," Tory Burch whisked showgoers away to a vacation in the French Riviera. In her suitcase: relaxed shifts, silk maxi skirts, bikinis with ruffled bottoms and ankle-length jeans, all decorated with garden prints in Mediterranean-sea blue, leafy green and crisp white. Though Burch specifically cites Romy Schneider's sophisticated character in her show notes, there were strong references to Jane Birkin's Lolita-like Penelope too: simple dresses with schoolgirl collars, crochet tops and sweet wicker baskets for trips to the market. Standouts included the flats with bright green flower appliques and an orange floor-sweeper in tulle. **TINA CHADHA**

11:55 a.m. Rodarte pre-show

I'm sharing an elevator with Miguel heading up to the Rodarte show. Both his hair and leather trousers are shiny and perfect. I want to ask him how his show week has been going so far; he's giving Tyson Chandler a run for his money as Fashion Week's most ubiquitous guy. But Miguel is busy whispering in his lady friend's ear. I feel like an extra in a music video — only all of the cameras are upstairs. **KENYA HUNT**

12:15 p.m. Rodarte

You know it's an important show when major editors are sitting in the second, third and fourth rows. There are fewer seats in the Rodarte venue this season in order to make room for Kate and Laura Mulleavy's light show of a runway (neon tubes are arranged in geometric patterns on the floor). Everything about the show — from the fluorescent lighting to the California rocker-chick clothes — feels like an extension of last season's collection. Consider their autumn/winter ode to their hometown, Santa Cruz, the first movie. Spring/summer is the sequel. There's a lot more flesh and a lot less fabric on the runway this time. Little bustiers, tight crop tops, tinier-than-tiny cuffed shorts and asymmetrical skirts that rise hip-high are the building blocks of this collection. They form the foundation of practically every outfit, which also includes tailored blazers and mannish waistcoats for contrast. The models are giving us fringe, studs, metallics, leopard and snakeskin, with a few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scorpions mixed in. And let's not forget the b-girl baseball caps, grunge plaids and heavy metal leather. It's a very specific piled-on look, which I'm going to call "Hot Topic shop girl wins the lottery." It's tacky, weird and artful, in the Mulleavy sisters' trademark way. It's so wrong, it's kind of right. **KH**

1:20 p.m. Diesel Black Gold pre-show

I'm late for Diesel Black Gold, which is being held in the impossible-to-navigate Grand Central Station, of all places. Rushing down to Vanderbilt Hall I practically run into Emmanuelle Alt, the French Vogue editor-in-chief, and Capucine Safyurtlu, the market editor, also rushing to make the show. Alt is in her standard rock 'n' roll-cool uniform of structured jacket (I think this one is Chanel), button-down, skinny jeans and sexy pumps. In fact, both ladies wear the most immaculately fitting jeans that I'm tempted to fake an interview with them just to ask where they're from. **TC**

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1:25 p.m. More pre-show

I squeeze into my spot on the bench-style seating, which is now also being occupied by two extra girls. This is what happens when you're late to a show — someone will ruthlessly grab your seat. The first model is ready to walk out but there's some commotion at the door. Anna Dello Russo and Giovanna Battaglia just walked in and a publicist is rushing to find them front-row seats. **TC**

1:35 p.m. Diesel Black Gold

It's the dawn of a new day at Diesel Black Gold. Nicola Formichetti was recently named artistic director for the denim giant and there's a heightened sense of excitement in the air. Though there's no Lady Gaga in the audience (but Kanye West is here!), designer Andreas Melbostad's second collection for the brand starts off with a bang: Pants with gypsy-like metal disks and tough grommet hardware pair with wispy silk blouses unbuttoned at the navel. The part edgy/part elegant theme continues throughout the collection with pale, cotton eyelet dresses worn under a tough leather vest. Distressed, low-slung boyfriend jeans (the show's most memorable item) and shrunken leather motos get a soft makeover in shades of baby blue and pale pink. The end result is perfectly in the zeitgeist: women who want to be everything — feminine and cool — all at once. And if sexy is what you're after, Melbostad revved up leather pants with ooh-la-la open crisscross stitching going down the sides. **TC**

1:50 p.m. Wes Gordon pre-show

The Diesel show is done and I have 15 minutes to get across town to 11th Avenue for Wes Gordon. Since I'm in Grand Central I decide to hop the train and it works! Take that, crosstown traffic! **TC**

2:15 p.m. Wes Gordon

Like Diesel, there's an immediate theme established at Wes Gordon's first runway show: a juxtaposition of heavy and airy fabrics. Silk slips with lace inserts are paired with woolly sweaters and mannish shirts. The plays on contrast continue with a dreamy white chiffon and tulle gown with a boyfriend blazer, and an armor-like metallic lattice crop

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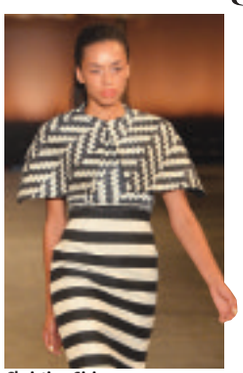
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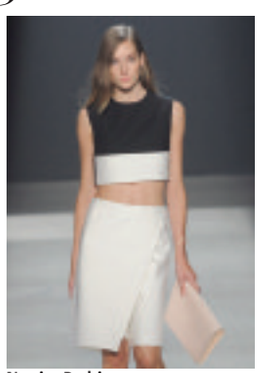
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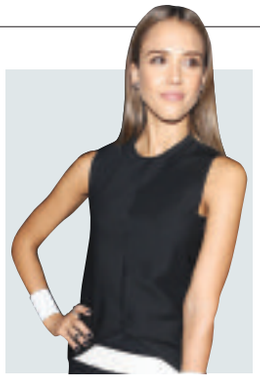

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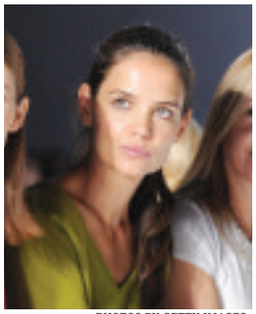

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Katie Holmes
at Michael Kors

top with a cotton pencil skirt. The negligee-as-daywear effect keeps reminding me of Louis Vuitton's Fall 2013 show, but the originality of this collection won't really matter. Gordon cuts his garments to hug a women's curves just so, as seen in his series of elegant gowns. That, and his sensual color palette will see that this collection will fly off the rack. **TC**

4:05 p.m. Marc by Marc Jacobs pre-show

"Is Marc Jacobs still starting his shows on time?" Karla Martinez, editor at W magazine, runs up and asks me as we cross a traffic intersection. We're two blocks away from the pier where he'll be showing his Marc by Marc Jacobs collection, which wouldn't be an issue if we were headed to anyone else's show. But Jacobs has been known for starting his shows exactly on the hour ever since he got into a public throwdown with the International Herald Tribune's Suzy Menkes (along with a slew of other editors) over his notoriously late start times several years ago. It turns out the answer to Martinez's question is now a "no," which is a good thing, since we got there about 10 minutes late. **KH**

4:20 p.m. Marc by Marc Jacobs

Editors, stylists and bloggers have been running from show to show in Nike and New Balance sneakers all week long. So it feels natural to see sneakers integrated into this collection in such a big way. But rather than boldly colored, hyper-graphic trainers I've been seeing on the street, Jacobs is showing what looks to be remixed versions of the Stan Smiths he used to wear back in the day. Easy, loosely tailored looks such as a slouchy black satin trouser suit styled with a white tank and red scarf seem to harken back to Jacobs' personal uniform of old. The low-maintenance quality of it all looks refreshing compared to the street-style caricatures. Even the dresses and jumpsuits (trending this week) seem to wear as easily as sweatpants. But not even Jacobs is immune to rough patches. And this collection has a few in the form of a series of graphic, pastel colored looks in a pattern he's called "radio waves," which seems to take his tailoring to a campy place that it doesn't need to go. **KH**

Wes Gordon / GETTY IMAGES

5:15 p.m. Sophie Theallet

Sensuality has always factored in Sophie Theallet's work, and the impact of her opening look proves that it's an area she could explore a lot more. A past CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund winner and recent International Woolmark Prize nominee, Theallet's work features nuanced yet masterful construction. But to the untrained eye, her dresses can sometimes look a little too sweet and nice. But she's struck the right balance with her first look out. The sight of naked breasts under a sheer, waffle-knit top and cardigan feels transgressive, giving just the right amount of bite and edge to put the sweetness of a dancerly, flamenco skirt into sharp relief. She repeats this idea with a black dress, and a slightly more demure white version, both done in the same see-through knit. The collection could have benefited from more moments like this, as her lineup of dresses begins to look too polite toward the end. **KH**

Marc by Marc Jacobs / GETTY

DAY 7

10:10 a.m. Michael Kors pre-show

I arrive just as the Michael Kors show is about to begin and the crowd of people filing in is heaving. I don't so much walk to my seat as get carried along by the crowd. I think I see Katie Holmes sitting in the front row. **KH**

10:16 a.m. Michael Kors

There's so much to want from this collection that I find myself wishing that the run-of-show notes came with an order form, momentarily losing my objective critic hat. I don't typically buy a lot of Michael Kors, so I'm surprised by the visceral reaction I'm having to his fluid, vaguely '70s dresses and languid trousers. He's described the show as "summer romance" and having a "juxtaposition of sportif and romantic." It works because the clothes feel a little more down to earth and a little less done up than what we normally see from him — it's not so untouchable. He's also managed to take the stiffness out of all of the sportswear classics: His trench coats, tailored skirts and dresses are all fluid, practically dancing around the body, and look relatively low-maintenance. The fact that they're coming down the runway on some of the best models in the business — Karolina Kurkova, Karen Olsen, Karlie Kloss, Joan Smalls and Frankie Rayder — doesn't hurt either. **KH**

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Brunch with a beat

Turn it up. Your favorite meal of the week can be just as crazy as your 21st birthday party. Here are our favorites.

The crowd goes wild at Lavo. / PROVIDED

Brasserie Beaumarchais

409 W. 13th St., 212-675-2400
It might be the city's most famous brunch party: The champagne celebration features DJs, dancing (don't be surprised if it's on tables) and classic French fare like croque monsieurs and pain perdu (French toast). Beaumarchais is one of the most famous streets in Paris, after all.

Bagatelle

1 Little W. 12th St., 212-488-2110
Open for just over a year, the Europe-meets-East-Coast spot has already become a major name in the rowdy brunch scene. French Mediterranean dishes and south of France cocktails are the focus — both enjoyed by locals and world travelers alike. And the party atmosphere is inspired by wild St. Tropez affairs: When the lights turn off, the sparklers turn on.

Cascabel Taqueria

1538 Second Ave., 212-717-8226
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If house beats aren't your thing, hit Cascabel for rock 'n' roll and two-for-one drinks. The Mexican restaurant serves hangover-be-damned dishes like chilaquiles, breakfast burritos and the Carnitas Benny — griddled corn bread with slow roasted Berkshire pork butt (yup) and poached eggs. We've heard you need to get there early.

Lavo

39 E. 58th St., 212-584-2700
Keep an eye out for Leonardo DiCaprio and John Stamos at the see-and-be-seen spot's Champagne Brunch. Take a dancing break for PB&J pancakes (with Reese's Pieces baked in) and truffled "back to school" grilled cheese, perfect for this time of year. At 4 p.m., the scene gets more clubby, and you're encouraged to get up on the table.

Keep those Bagatelle shades for Monday morning. / BAGATELLE NY

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Restaurant openings

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Friedman's has expanded. / PROVIDED

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Modern Vampires get hungry

A hungry crowd gets its wing on during the Third Annual Wing Eating Contest at The Habitat, where Vampire Weekend bassist Chris Baio considers the wings "a Top 5 caliber dish." / PROVIDED

Off the eaten path. Vampire Weekend know their city well, and they know where the best chow is.

Ezra Koenig: "I like **Fairway Cafe** on the Upper West Side. It's a restaurant on the second floor of a supermarket. You're not supposed to shop for food while you're hungry — so if you get there and you realize you're hungry, you can go eat some food at the restaurant and then continue shopping without compromising your integrity. They have a good burger. Some might even say it is one of the Upper West Side's top burgers."

Chris Baio: "I recently moved from New York to London and have been loving it so far. That said, London is not a city renowned for its buffalo wings, which is a slight problem for a buffalo wing fiend like myself. I found a blog devoted to British wings and have been trying a bunch. There are plenty of decent places, but they don't match the glory of my favorite New York haunts. It's left a hole in my heart.

Leaving a place can really help you put things into perspective and prioritize. This past Sunday when I flew back into New York, the first thing I did was head to **The Habitat** in Greenpoint for a plate of extra hot wings. They were glorious, just as I remembered them. Definitely a Top 5 caliber dish."

Chris Tomson: "I live in the Greenpoint area of Brooklyn, which in the recent past has had a strong Polish community. When I first moved here in 2006, I discovered the mainly cheap joys of the **Obiady**. These restaurants, or so I've been told, first functioned as makeshift kitchens for the many Polish immigrant workers who came to NYC without their families. Generally, the meals consist of a big hunk of meat, mashed potatoes and some kind of cabbage-y side, which was perfect for the unemployed 22-year-old I was then.

Lomzynianka has the homiest vibe, and I believe is still BYOB. **Karczma** feels like Disneyland, as the servers are dressed in Old World outfits. My favorite, though, is probably **Krolewskie Jadlo**. Its front door is guarded by two oversized suits of armor, and the food is good, too!"

Rostam Batmanglij: "When **Cafe Iris** opened in Brooklyn Heights a handful of years ago, it had a distinct, off-the-cuff charm. Nothing came out hot, except for toast. (Music playing from a worn out iPod dock; the New York Times stretched from table to table, a couple of days out of date, and shared communally).

The heuvos rancheros were some kind of delicacy of suburban after-school gatherings: a handful of tortilla chips, covered in watery red salsa, topped with broken-apart slices of cold cheddar, a few slices of avocado and broken-open soft boiled eggs, the yellow yolks running down to the bottom of the bowl. The dish seemed to connect with a bunch of us in our 20s, living in the neighborhood, who longed for a kind of simple comfort food that we had growing up. If you arrived too late in the afternoon, they could no longer make it for you as they would run out of some of the necessary ingredients.

Cafe Iris was a huge hit with everyone who lived in the area, so much so that the place evolved into something approximating a real restaurant. They still serve heuvos rancheros, but I think it's become a bit more "authentic," and they make sure not to ever run out of ingredients anymore."

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From eating to live to living to eat (and cook)

Hot chef. Danny Mena is behind Hecho en Dumbo and the newly opened Sembrado.

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Danny Mena calls his story "the antithesis of the typical chef backstory." A picky eater during childhood, Mena's mother made him almost the same meal every day, well into his teen years. His culinary horizons eventually broadened, and in college at Virginia Tech he started to host dinner parties for friends. Mena graduated with an engineering degree, but after a stint in the biz, realized cooking was where he needed to be. Hecho en Dumbo started as a pop-up in 2007 before moving to its permanent digs near Astor Place. Recently, the Mexico City native opened Sembrado, a taqueria where guests order tacos and mezcal by checking off items on a slip that they hand to their waiter.

How are your two restaurants similar, and how are they not?
Both restaurants have the same ethos, trying to represent Mexican food as accurately as possible. I try to create food that I grew up with, food that I love. Hecho en Dumbo has given me great opportunities to experiment with all different regions of Mexico, all different ingredients and all different forms of cooking. Sembrado is taking a step back and creating a style of food that is something very specific that I loved as a child and I continue to eat when I go to Mexico.

Why did you want to focus on tacos for your spinoff? Is there another food you one day want to build a menu around?
If I ever do another restaurant it would have a different theme for sure. There is so much great regional food. Tacos was a choice I made first because it is the most traditional of Mexico, but also because nobody is doing a proper pastor and I need my fill! I've been too long in New York without a good taco al pastor. METRO

El Grito de Dolores

Celebrate this weekend

Contrary to popular belief, Mexican Independence Day is not Cinco de Mayo — it's actually celebrated on Sept. 16, the anniversary of El Grito de Dolores (the shout that began the Mexican War of Independence in 1810). Hecho en Dumbo is launching a new brunch menu on Sept. 15 and introducing a regular performance series on Saturdays and Sundays (think Mexican folk music, an all-female mariachi group). Across the bridge, **Miranda (80 Berry St., Brooklyn, 718-387-0711)** is serving up $5 Micheladas and a special "antiojo" ("little cravings") menu. And Guacamole Fest continues at **Maya (1191 First Ave., 212-585-1818)**, with regional flavors and $6 margs on Sunday.

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Saturday, 10 a.m.
Old Man Hustle
39 Essex St.
Free, 212-253-7747
www.oldmanhustle.com
Hot dog shack by day, art bar by night, this place is like Batman and Bruce Wayne without all the Ben Affleck business. For the OMH grand opening they'll be pouring free lemonade, serving up free custom-made hotdogs and handing out free bouquets. Best date idea ever? We think so.

Taste Talks

Saturday-Sunday, 1 and 4:30 p.m.
Various locations
$65, www.taste-talks.com
This foodie celebration features discussions, workshops and all things food with Mario Batali, Dan Barber and more. Why Gordon Ramsay isn't there to scream that we're doing it all wrong is beyond us, but we're still psyched for the Pancake Breakfast at Brooklyn Bowl and the All-Star Cookout at East River State Park.

Gala Gala Hey! Apple Pie Festival

Sunday, 3 p.m.
The Drink
228 Manhattan Ave., Williamsburg
Free, 718-782-8463
www.thedrinkbrooklyn.com
While we like to picture a bunch of Ramones dolls with apple heads and wigs, we already know Gala Gala Hey! isn't quite that. Celebrate the way to keep the doctor away with Kate Lebo of Pie Stand as she bakes five different apple pies for your consumption. Also: apple bobbing, cider, corn hole and more.

CULTURE

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World Maker Faire

Sept. 21 & 22; New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St.; $15-$55, 718-699-0005; www.makerfaire.com
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CULTURE

Body Worlds Comes to Life

Thursday, 12 p.m.
Times Square
46th St. btwn Seventh Ave. and Broadway (Duffy Square)
Free, www.bodyworlds.com
Fashion, blah. It's all about what's on the inside, right? Models will be painted to show off their inner anatomical structures while wearing fashionable accessories. How do you like fashion now?

FITNESS

Free Yoga

Thursday-Friday, various times
Pure Yoga East and West
203 E. 86th St. and 204 W. 77th St.
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It's time to flaunt that chakra 'cause national yoga month is here and it means one free class at Pure Yoga. Different classes include hot power yoga, basics, meditation and more.

SPORTS

NYC Mets Zombie Day

Friday, 7 p.m.
Citi Field
26-01 Roosevelt Ave., Flushing
$42.25
www.nyczombiecrawl.com
Nothing says team spirit like dressing up as the undead and trying to eat your fellow baseball fans' brains. It's Friday the 13th, so catch a sneak peak of "Return to Nuke 'Em High," plus a Mets game. We expect at least one Jason Voorhees zombie.

PARTY

Autumn Moon Festival 2013

Sunday, 1 p.m.
Snug Harbor
914 Richmond Terr., Staten Island
$10, 718-448-2500
www.snug-harbor.org
Celebrate Asian culture with food, dance, martial arts demonstrations and calligraphy lessons. Oh, and a performance by Nina Sophia of "America's Got Talent," because the U.S. had to stick its name in there somewhere.

DayLife

Sunday, 12 p.m.
Orchard Street btw E. Houston and Delancey streets
Free, 212-226-9010
www.lowereastsideny.com
Orchard Street is going to be wild with food, live music, DJs, yoga, badminton, face painting and more. There will also be free rides to and from via Uber, and plenty of clothes and jewelry to buy. Summer's going to be gone before we know it, so strap on those flip-flops and shorts one last time, before it's all Uggs and parkas again.

Release Party: Thomas

PARTY

Yum's the Word Storytelling Show

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; The Gallery at Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St.; $10 in advance, $15 at the door; 212-505-3474; www.yumsthewordshow.tumblr.com
Ever wonder what we journalists really do for a living? Come to this Moth-like show to find out — you'll be treated to funny-but-true "scoop" stories from reporters from CNN, Grub Street and other outlets. And speaking of scoops, at every one of these monthly shows, there's ice cream cake to celebrate one attendee's birthday. Laughs and ice cream: not a bad "hump day," if you ask us.

FOOD + DRINK

Japanese Craft Beer Tasting at Japan Society

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Japan Society, 333 E. 47th St.; $25; 212-832-1155; www.japansociety.org
The Japanese have a special way of brewing beer — they base it on their food. Not to say Americans don't — Bud Light is based on what, McDonald's? Sounds about right. Brooklyn Brewery's Garrett Oliver will discuss Japanese beer and then host a tasting that includes two ales currently not available in the U.S.

Pynchon's 'Bleeding Edge'

Monday, 10:30 p.m.
Word
126 Franklin Ave., Greenpoint
Free, 718-383-0096
www.wordbrooklyn.com
Thomas Pynchon has a thing for writing novels that are 10 times as long as the Bible, twice as heavy as a cinder block and way more confusing than a Rubik's cube. But we like them! Celebrate his newest at this late night shindig. JAY HONSTETTER

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♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Spend time with someone you love, sharing plans for the future. Make a promise and ask for one. Much can be accomplished through the proper channels.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Induce changes at home that will alter the way things are done, allowing you to save more and spend less.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Someone will unexpectedly make changes behind your back. Don't let curiosity ruin a surprise. Adapt to shifting conditions.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Question what someone is offering you before you agree to their terms. You will need to make adjustments if you decide to get involved.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Use your imagination to come up with profitable ways to employ your skills. Don't let someone's lack of vision stop you.

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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Don't let jealousy cause you to show vulnerability. If you maintain a playful attitude, you will attract positive attention.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Speak up, but listen to alternatives as well. Share your emotions and adapt to the needs of people with whom you want to work or spend time.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Travel to places that inspire you. Find out what you need to achieve your dreams.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You'll face opposition from friends or family. Step outside your immediate viewpoint and you will find acceptable solutions. Nurture the important relationships. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Crossword

Across
1 Make like a beaver
5 Girder insert
10 Thin coating
14 Exercise system
15 Teen faves
16 Sheriff Taylor's kid
17 Daybreak, in verse
18 Dance move
19 Ribs, to Cato
20 Kidnapped
22 Gather bit by bit
23 Excuses
24 Peeve
26 Jesse -- of track
29 Colorful houseplant
33 Gets boring
34 — and dined
35 Day- — paint
36 Like some quiches
37 Airliner capacity
38 Rustic lodgings
39 King, in France
40 Goes it alone
41 Soprano's pieces
42 Earthworms
44 Fresh
45 Alice's diner
46 Tortoiseshell inlay
48 Avoid expiration
51 Went at full speed
55 Violinist Leopold —
56 — for the ride
58 Change
59 Rugged cliff
60 Potato pancake
61 "Terrible" tsar
62 Nostalgic time
63 Raised, as a question
64 Longest river

Down
1 Fitness centers
2 Whistle time
3 Pearl Mosque site
4 Lewdly
5 The slow lane
6 Lays off work
7 Empty space
8 Antiquity
9 Mao — -tung
10 Tricked
11 — dixit
12 Bart's sister
13 Spiteful
21 Use foul words
22 Spiky flower
24 Declaims
25 Cousteau's islands
26 Kind of house or hat
27 Prairie schooner
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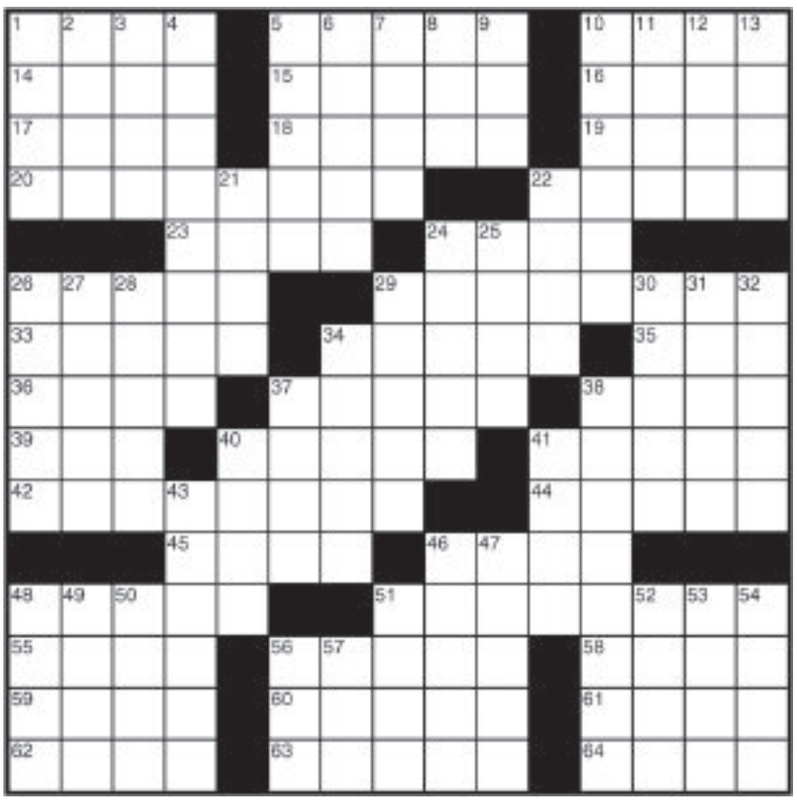

Letters

The towers fell on all of us

I want to thank you for your recent front page cover in Spanish. I am a New York-born daughter of Puerto Rican parents who migrated in the 1950s. I love the Spanish language and did not really learn to speak it fluently till I was in my mid-20s. English is my first language. I find it interesting that although you explain in the paper inside, some people still took offense. Are there not more important things to complain about than a front cover in Spanish? Are we not all human beings? Here some people seem to resist learning another language. There is a resistance to people who are considered "outsiders," but we have all heard how this country was built by immigrants — and they were NOT all of European descent. Please. Don't let another language be the thing that keeps you from meeting people of other cultures and ethnicities. When the towers fell, sadly, they fell on all of us.
MARIBELLE VAZQUEZ, VIA EMAIL

The past is no excuse

We are reluctant about Syria because we don't trust our conscience, because we trusted it when we went to Iraq 10 years ago. But the moral imperative was not wrong. We were wrong because we misunderstood credibility — and still do. The Syria mass murder is different from Iraq, because we already proved that Syria has and is using WMDs right now. Excuses about America's past will not alleviate our guilt for not acting now. We do not judge the quality of death; we judge that Assad's use of sarin gas is against international law and therefore intervention is reasonable.
ARTHUR BLENHEIM, VIA EMAIL

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3 SPORTS

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Tight spot

Jets utilizing tight ends like Patriots of old

There's something very Patriots-esque about the Jets tight ends.

For the last three seasons, the tight end has been an integral part of the New England passing attack, with head coach Bill Belichick targeting strong, imposing tight ends not just as blockers but as downfield passing options.

The NFL is a copycat league and the Jets now have three quality tight ends who can pose these types of issues for other teams.

"We're all big, tall, fast and athletic," said tight end Konrad Reuland, who one catch against the Bucs. "We don't have anyone who is slower; we try to be as balanced as possible. I think that's a difference this year."

KRISTIAN DYER

Young Jets using Pats as a measuring stick

NFL. The Jets say they respect New England, but won't be intimidated even though they are a young team.

Sheldon Richardson had an impressive debut against Doug Martin and the Buccaneers in Week 1. / GETTY IMAGES

These are not the Patriots of old, the feared New England team that has been the division's dominant side and even the best team in the AFC since 2001. However, the Patriots still have the most talent in the AFC East and the Jets are in a rebuilding year.

Since winning the Super Bowl in 2001, the Patriots have won the division an astounding nine times and the Jets have not done well against New England in recent stretches. In their last six meetings with the Patriots, the Jets have only won once — in the playoffs in 2010.

"Anytime you play New England, yeah, it is special there's no question because that is the one you're gunning for," head coach Rex Ryan said. "You're not gunning for second place, you're gunning for first place and that team has won our division the four years I've been here. That clearly would make it a special game and a big game."

Wide receiver Stephen Hill said, "We still respect them for being the New England Patriots," but drew the line at that.

But the Patriots' name means something to young players like Hill and the rookies, such as first-round pick Sheldon Richardson. The young defensive lineman out of Missouri is part of the Jets' youth movement — a movement the organization hopes will topple the Patriots' historic run.

That makes Thursday night a measuring stick for the young Jets.

"We're going up there to make a name for ourselves and shape some things up," Richardson told Metro. "We like being the underdog. You keep going off history and we're trying to make history; it's as simple as that."

KRISTIAN DYER
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Top 3 storylines

Jets vs. Patriots: Three things to watch

What was chalked up a week ago as a sure "L" for the Jets suddenly seems like a winnable game. The Jets are still underdogs, but the odds are certainly not what they were just a few days ago.

It is clear the supposed experts who said this team had the inside track on the 2014 No. 1 pick didn't know what they were talking about.

We take a look at three stories to watch as the Jets travel to Foxboro (8:25 p.m., CBS/NFLN):

1 Beat-up Pats
New England is a bit of a mess right now. Tight end Aaron Hernandez, of course, is currently a resident of the U.S. penitentiary system following murder charges. Rob Gronkowski, one of the best tight ends in the game, is likely out for this game with an injury. Wide receiver Danny Amendola is out with a groin injury and running back Shane Vereen was placed on injured reserve with a designation to return on Tuesday. Suddenly, the Patriots' once-potent offense is lacking playmakers for quarterback Tom Brady to throw to.

2 Winslow's emergence
Tight end Kellen Winslow looks like a very nice free-agent signing. In Sunday's Week 1 win, Winslow was the most-targeted player by quarterback Geno Smith, with seven receptions for 79 yards and a touchdown. His success shouldn't be a huge surprise as the tight end is a crucial outlet in the West Coast offense.

3 Rush hour
When the Jets beat the Patriots on the road in the playoffs during the 2010 season, the pass rush generated on Brady was key to the game. Now the Jets have bookend edge rushers in Muhammad Wilkerson and Sheldon Richardson who can do the same thing Shaun Ellis did back then.

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WINSLOW COULD BE KEY TO THE JETS' OFFENSE AGAINST NEW ENGLAND.

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Rangers start camp anew

Vigneault spent the last seven seasons in Vancouver, where he twice finished with the best record in the NHL. / GETTY IMAGES

NHL. NHL training camps opened around the league yesterday with a new coach in charge for New York.

Alain Vigneault was asked yesterday how he plans to revitalize Brad Richards as an offensive contributor.

The answer shone a spotlight on the philosophy Vigneault is employing as he goes into his first training camp as head coach of the New York Rangers.

"I told Brad, 'Turn the page. Don't talk about what happened in the past. It's behind you, it's behind me. I wasn't here and I don't care,'" Vigneault said on the first day of training camp.

Players reported to the team's Greenburgh, N.Y., training facility yesterday for physicals and a team meeting. On-ice drills start today and run through Sunday, with the first preseason game Monday night in Newark, N.J., against the Devils.

As has been the case two of the last three years — there wasn't a preseason in 2013 due to the protracted lockout — the Rangers will play the entirety of their preseason games on the road due to the renovation of Madison Square Garden.

Even though Vigneault spoke with players during the off-season, he and the coaching staff will begin to learn about the team over the next 15 days. As important, the team will learn about an entirely new coaching staff.

"If you see the guys, they're walking around with a T-shirt that says 'Clean Slate, Grab It,'" Vigneault said. "Everybody's got a clean slate. Everybody's going to get a chance. It might not be a long chance, but they're going to get a chance. They're going to get an opportunity. It's up to them to grab it."

This year's team is almost entirely intact from the group eliminated by the Bruins in the Eastern Conference semifinals last season, the departures of Ryane Clowe (Devils) and Steve Eminger (KHL) notwithstanding.

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"Deliberately, I watched an hour of the team's games [last year]. ... I don't want to come in with any preconceived notion."
Alain Vigneault, Rangers head coach

One more time

Jeter heads back to DL

At this point, it's hard to keep track of how many times Derek Jeter has been on the disabled list.

Jeter was, again, placed on the 15-day DL yesterday due to the left ankle injury which has kept him from playing since Sept. 8. He was placed on the DL retroactive to his last game.

"It's very disappointing not to be able to play, especially this time of year," Jeter said Wednesday. "This is when I want to play the most."

Jeter has said this season has been the worst of his career — mostly due to injury. Officially, this is the fourth time Jeter has been on the DL in 2013. He's only played in 17 games.

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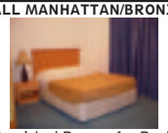

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